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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: INFORMATION AND FORECASTING (08.01)

1. SCST US DESK CHIEF, AYKAZYAN INFORMED SCICOUNS
JANUARY 19 THAT MINISTRY OF POWER HAS ALREADY HELD ONE MEETING
ON ISSUE OF DEVELOPING MORE SUBSTANTIAL EXCHANGE IN ENERGY
INFORMATION AND FORECASTING, FOLLOWING WG MEETING IN US, AND
THAT SCST OFFICIALS WILL BE DISCUSSING IN NEAREST FUTURE THIS
MATTER WITH MPE DEPUTY MINISTER LOPATIN AND YATROV.

2. QUESTION OF WIDENING SCOPE AND SUBSTANCE
OF WG EXCHANGES WAS ALSO RAISED BY SCICOUNS
JANUARY 16 WITH ENERGY AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MALTSEV,
MINISTRY OF POWER AND ELCTRIFICATION, WO COMMENTED THAT WG
DECEMBER MEETING APPEARED POSITIVE IN SOVIET EYES. IN RESPONSE
TO SCI COUNS QUERY AS TO WHY SOVDEL DID NOT EVEN ALLOW US
SUGGESTIONS FOR EXPANDED THEMES OF EXCHANGE TO APPEAR IN WG
PROTOCOL, MALTSEV EXPLAINED THAT SOVDEL WAS "TAKEN BY SURPRISE"
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BY THE CONCRETE US PROPOSALS, HAVING EXPECTED THAT US PROPOSALS
WOULD DEAL PRINCIPALLY ON ENERGY CONSERVATION ISSUE. MALTSEV
CONTINUED THAT MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY SEC O'LEARY AND YATROV
DURING WG MEETING WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING US POSITION,
BUT THAT SOVDEL WAS IN NO POSITION TO RESPOND SUBSTANTIVELY AT
THAT POINT. MALTSEV NOTED THE SOVIETS WILL RESPOND IN DETAIL
TO US PROPOSALS BY MAY 1 AS INDICATED IN WG PROTOCOL. SOVIETS IN

TURN ALSO EXPECT RESPONSE FROM DOE BY MARY 1 TO NEW SOVIET THEMES OF COOPERATION FOR WG. MALTSEV COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS WELL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO SUCCESS OF THIS WG FOR OVERALL PROGRESS ON BILATERAL ENERGY COOPERATION.

3. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY IS CONSIDERING LETTER TO MINISTER NEPOROZHNIY REGARDING ACTIVATION OF INFORMATION AND FORECASTING COOPERATION. IN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS NOW GOING ON WITHIN SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THE SENSITIVE ISSUE OF ENERGY FORECASTING, WE BELIEVE SUCH A LETTER WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL AT THIS POINT, BEFORE SCST, YATROV, MINPOWER MEETING ALLUDED TO BY AYKAZYAN. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING STATUS OF LETTER AND SUGGESTS TEXT BE CABLED. END COMMENT.
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